American Government

Ch. 1, Sec. 2: Forms of Government

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***Directions: Read ch. 1, sec. 2, on Forms of Government, then fill in the following information.***

1. What are the 3 important ways in which we can classify governments?

a.

b.

c.

2. The most meaningful way of classifying governments is by **Who Can**

**Participate**?” Define the following:

1. Democracy:

Republic:

1. Direct democracy:
2. Indirect democracy:
3. Dictatorship:
4. Autocracy:
5. Oligarchy:

3. A second way we can classify governments is by the **Geographic Distribution**

**of** **Power**. From this standpoint there are 3 basic forms of government that

exist. Define or explain the following terms and give an example.

1. Unitary government:

Example:

1. Federal government:

Example:

1. Confederate government:

Example:

4. The final way we can meaningfully classify governments is by the **Relationship**

**between Legislative and Executive Branches**. In this view there are two

basic forms of government. Define or explain the following terms and give an

example.

1. Presidential government:

Example:

1. Parliamentary government:

Example: